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1. SINCE INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 10 IN LITERATUREN FRONT, BULGARIAN PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO PUBLICIZE JUNE INTERNATIONAL WRITERS' CONFERENCE. WRITING IN "OTECHESTVEN FRONT" (FATHERLAND FRONT) MARCH 14, PANTELEY ZAREV, CHAIRMAN OF BULGARIAN WRITERS' UNION (WHICH WILL BE NOMINAL HOST FOR CONFERENCE) SAID THE WRITERS CONVOKED WOULD "EXCHANGE IDEAS ON HOW TO USE THEIR TALENTS AND THEIR PENS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEACE." FOLLOWING DAY, FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" SAID DISCUSSION TOPICS WOULD INCLUDE PEACE AND LITERATURE, WRITERS INVOLVEMENT IN PROBLEMS OF PEACE, ETC. RD ALSO SAID EXHIBIT OF FOREIGN BOOKS TRANSLATED INTO BULGARIAN WOULD BE Y AT ARTISTS' UNION SHIPKA GALLERY DURING CONFERENCE.

2. LITERATUREN FRONT DEVOTED MOST OF ITS MARCH 17 ISSUE TO CONFERENCE. EDITORIAL SIGNED BY SLAV KARASLOVOV, CHIEF SECRETARY OF WRITERS' UNION, SAID THAT "ISSUES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROFESSIONAL INTEREST WILL BE DISCUSSED, THOUGHTS ABOUT ARTISTIC WORKS WILL BE EXCHANGED IN SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND OF MUTUAL RESPECT, ISSUES RELATING TO EXPANSION OF TRANSLATION ACTIVITY WILL HELP MASTERS OF ARTISTIC SPEECH BECOME MORE POPULAR AMONG CITIZENS OF THE WORLD." MEETING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR WORLD WRITERS TO "BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH OUR NATION'S HOSPITALITY, WITH

ITS SUCCESSES, AND WITH ITS GREAT DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE
WITH ALL NATIMS OF THE WORLD."

3. COMMENT: SEEMS REASONABLY CLEAR THAT GOB INTENDS
THE USUAL LOVE FEAST, STAGE-MANAGED FROM OPENING SPEECHES
OF SELF-CONGRATULATION TO FINAL RESOLUTIONS ON PEACE
TOPICS. BUT IF WRITERS AND POETS AS INDIVIDUALISTIC AS
UPDIKE, CHEEVER, VIDAL ET AL DO ATTEND, ALONG WITH
FOREIGN INVITEES SUCH AS PETER WEISS ("MARAT/SADE"), GOB
MAY GET A BIT MORE THAN IT BARGAINED FOR. WE NOTE THAT
UPDIKE, CHEEVER AND VIDAL HAVE BEEN PROMINENT AMONG
THOSE CALLING ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF RUSSIAN DISSIDENTS.

4. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY, WITHOUT BECOMING IN ANY WAY
INVOLVED IN CONFERENCE, WILL OF COURSE ASSIST AMERICAN
ATTENDEES. SUGGEST DEPT TOUCH BASE INFORMALLY NOTING
OUR DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE
BRIEFINGS IF DESIRED, ETC. APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE AS TRAVEL PLANS FIRM UP.
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